



NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY
SAMWORTH ACADEMY

Thursday 10th October 2013

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on important developments for the senior leadership of Nottingham University Samworth Academy.

As you know we, the Board of Governors and Sponsors, are immensely proud of NUSA and the students we serve. The aim of NUSA has always been to raise aspirations and achievement within our community so that our students can access greater opportunities.

Since opening NUSA in 2010 we have secured many of our original goals. In May 2012 we secured a 'Good' Ofsted judgement. We have a settled and well-focused community of learners, with staff demonstrating a real level of care and support for all our students and especially for our most vulnerable learners.

However, we still have much to do. We know NUSA needs to secure stronger learning outcomes for students by the end of Key Stage 4 (GCSEs). We need to strengthen our Post-16 offer for students and grow the size of our sixth form. By doing this we will ensure that a greater number of students will feel inspired to go on to higher education or further studies. Finally, we need to make the most of the many opportunities the University of Nottingham has to offer in order to benefit our students' learning and personal development.

It is for these reasons that we have secured a new long-term partnership agreement with the Torch Academy Gateway Trust based at Bingham in Nottinghamshire. They have an outstanding track record in:

- leadership & management;
- teaching & learning;
- care, guidance & support;
- securing very strong learning outcomes at Key Stage 4 (GCSEs).

This expertise will be extremely beneficial in supporting the next phase of NUSA's development.

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I look forward to the continued success of NUSA and hope you will join me in welcoming these changes which I believe will bring us closer to achieving our ambitions for the young people of our community.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Stein,
Chair of the Nottingham University Samworth Academies Trust